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Theatre-Royal.

The Laſt Night but One of Performing till after Chriſtmas.

On SATURDAY Evening, December 22. 1787,
Will be preſented, a Comedy, called, The
CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Governor Harcourt,	Mr WILSON;
Woodville,	Mr ARCHER;
Jacob,	Mr MOSS;
Lord Glenmore,	Mr SPARKS;
Captain Harcourt,	Mr BELL;
Vane,	Mr FRANCIS;
And Gray,	Mr WOODS.
Bridget,	Mrs BULKELEY;
Miſs Mortimer,	Mrs WOODS;
Warner,	Mrs CHARTERIS;
And Cecilia,	Mrs BROOKS.

To which will be added, a Farce, called,
THREE WEEKS AFTER MARRIAGE.

Sir Charles Racket,	Mr WOODS;
Lovelace,	Mr YATES;
Woodly,	Mr J. BLAND;
And Drugget,	Mr WILSON.
Dimity,	Mrs VILLARS;
Mrs Drugget,	Mrs CHARTERIS;
Nancy,	Mrs J. BLAND;
And Lady Racket,	Mrs BULKELEY.

Auction of Books, &c.

THERE is to be SOLD by auction, by Mr Hay, at the Edinburgh Vendue, upon Friday the 21ſt current,
A NEAT COLLECTION of BOOKS, in Law, Hiſtory, Voyages, Travels, &c. Among which are, Bayle's Dictionary, Buffon's Natural Hiſtory, Macdowall's Inſtitutes, Groſe's Antiquities, Annual Regiſter, and many other books, which ſeldom appear. Alſo, a Mahogany Book-caſe, a large reflecting Teleſcope, and a curious Watch.

As the whole muſt be ſold, they will be put up at pleaſure. Catalogues to be had at the Vendue. The ſale to begin at ſix o'clock.

Libraries of Books, &c. auctioned upon moderate terms.

This Day was publiſhed,
In Two Volumes Octavo, price 14s. bound,
Printed for ALEXANDER and JAMES DONALDSON, and CHARLES ELLIOT,
THE UNIVERSAL ACCOUNTANT,
AND
COMPLETE MERCHANT,
NEW MODELLED.
By WILLIAM GORDON, LATE OF GLASGOW, *Now of the Mercantile Academy, Edinr.*
THE FIFTH EDITION,
With MANY ESSENTIAL Additions, Alterations, and Improvements.
To which is added,
A COMPLETE BOOK OF RATES,
Agreeable to the Treaty with France and the Conſolidation of the Duties in 1787.

*** As tables of all the duties payable to Government on every branch of the revenue (Cuſtoms, Exciſe, & Stamps), as alſo the drawbacks and bounties, are added to this work, it will be found neceſſary for every countinghouſe, as well as to ſuch young men as are qualifying themſelves for any branch of buſineſs.

County Meeting in Eaſt-Lothian.

THE juſtices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Truſtees of the Turnpike Roads in the county of Eaſt-Lothian, are deſired to meet in the Town-houſe of Haddington, upon Thurſday the 27th of December current, at twelve o'clock mid-day, to conſider the report of the committee relative to the Toll-bar propoſed to be erected by the county of Mid Lothian near Muſſelburgh; and alſo the weights and meaſures kept by the town of Haddington; whereof this notice is given, in obedience to the order of the meeting held at Haddington the 10th current. JOHN CRAW Clerk.

By order of Sir MICHAEL BRUCE *of Stenhouſe, Baronet, Convener of the Truſtees of the Turnpike Roads of Stirling and Linlithgow ſhires.*

A General Meeting of the ſaid Truſtees is hereby requeſted, to be held at Carron Inn, on Thurſday the 10th of January next, at mid-day, to conſider of rebuilding Bonny Bridge, Rowan Bridge, and Mumril Bridge, which have been ſwept away by the late flood.—And as the buſineſs is of great importance to the counties, it is hoped as many of the truſtees will attend as conveniently can. RO. MACKILLOP.

Houſehold Furniture.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at Deanhead, near Dalkeith, on Friday the 28th December current,
The Whole HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE which belonged to the deceaſed Mr James Pillant.

The roup will begin at ten o'clock forenoon.

All perſons having claims on Mr Pillans, are deſired to give in their accompts to Charles Elliot, merchant in Dalkeith.

LAURIESTON PLACE.

TO be FEUED at Lauriеſton, Edinburgh, SIX SCOTCH ACRES of GROUND *for Building on*, the whole being laid out according to a Plan.—The buildings, when compleet, will form an elegant oblong Square, to be called
LAURIESTON PLACE.

Each houſe will have beſides a ſufficient quantity of back ground for garden and offices.

The ſituation is well known to be remarkably warm and dry, having a gentle declivity to the ſouth, and commanding views both extenſive and delightful. It is much nearer to the Croſs, to the Parliament-houſe, to the Exchequer, to the Boards of Cuſtom and Exciſe, to the Public Banks, to the General Poſt Office, to the Univerſity, High School, &c. &c. than the ground at preſent feuing out in the New Town; and there is now eaſy and commodious acceſs to both towns by the South Bridge on the eaſt and north, and the Lothian-road on the weſt. The old city-wall, which greatly retarded the buildings on the ſouth ſide of the town, is now removed. A new and elegant road, 60 feet wide, is begun to be made from the Lothian-road to Briſto Port, by Lauriеſton; and at the foot of the ground there is an entry to the Meadow, one of the beſt public walks in the kingdom.

There is plenty of excellent water in the ground; and the feuers are entitled to have the town's water on the ſame terms with thoſe in the new-extended royalty.

The inhabitants will be exempted from ſeveral taxes to which thoſe of the royalty of the city of Edinburgh are ſubjected, ſuch as Stent on Trade, Miniſters Stipend, &c. which laſt burden alone is no leſs than *ſix per cent* upon the valued rent.

No premium or purchaſe-money will be demanded; nor will the payment of the feu-duties commence until the buildings are finiſhed.

Apply to Mr Robertſon, the Proprietor, at Lauriеſton.

Merchant Goods Found.

THERE was FOUND 22d November laſt, betwixt Halbeath and Dunfermline, a Parcel of MERCHANT GOODS in a corn ſtack.

Any perſon who can give proper marks of the goods, may apply to Adam Low, Dunfermline.

WANTS A PLACE,

A YOUNG MAN bred to the Law, who wiſhes to be employed, either as a FACTOR, or CLERK to a Writer.

Letters addreſſed to G. J. and left at the Printing-houſe, will be attended to.

ENGLISH APPLES.

JUST arrived from Kent, a parcel of Sauce and Table APPLES, to be ſold in the Old Fiſh-market Cloſe, on the ſhore, and at the ſhop of James Robertſon, grocer, head of Tolbooth Wynd; where alſo may be had, Teas, Sugars, and Spirits, upon the moſt moderate terms.—*Leith, Dec. 20. 1787.*

LEMONS AND ORANGES, &c.

JUST arrived from St Lucar, in the Margaret, Robert Gray, maſter,

Lemons,	} in Cheſts.
China and Seville Oranges,	
And Sherry Wine,	in Butts.

Apply to William Douglas, Quality-ſtreet, Leith.

ORANGES FROM SEVILLE.

JUST ARRIVED, in the PEGGY & ELIZABETH, JAMES WOOD Maſter,
CHINA AND BITTER ORANGES,
IN CHESTS AND HALF-CHESTS.

Apply to WALKER, THOMSON, & CO. Edinburgh; or to DAVID LIDDELL, at their Warehouſe, Leith.

☞ W. T. & Co. will, as uſual, have their annual Cargo of HIGH-COLOURED ORANGES for MARMALADE.

Lemons and Oranges, &c.

JUST now arrived from San Lucar, per the Margaret, Captain Grey, a quantity of LEMONS, CHINA, and SEVILLE ORANGES; alſo, a few Butts Beſt SHERRY; and from different other ports, the following goods, viz.

Beſt ZANT CURRANTS,
RAISINS of the SUN,
DANTZICK HONEY, and BEES WAX,
VALENTIA ALMONDS.

Likewiſe, ſome very fine Dutch APPLES. TEAS as uſual, of the very beſt qualities, and loweſt prices, with a large and complete aſſortment of all kinds of Grocery Goods in Wholeſale and Retail. Orders for the above addreſſed to ALEX. THOMSON and SON, High Street, Edinburgh, will be punctually attended to.

Mace, Nutmegs, Caſſia, Cinnamon, and GUNPOWDER TEA.

WILLIAM THORBURN acquaints the Ladies, That he has received from the Eaſt India Company's October ſale, a quantity of the above goods, which are good in quality.

Leith, December 3. 1787.

STOLEN,

At or immediately after the Fire of Seggieden, near Perth, on Wedneſday the 12th December inſt.

THE following Articles which had been ſaved from the Fire:

From a Cheſt of Drawers, which was broke up—A POCKET BOOK, containing different Bills, Promiſſory Notes, and other papers, particularly,

A Promiſſory Note of Sir William Forbes and Company, of - -	L.	160	0 0
A Bank of England Note, - -		20	0 0
A Bank of England Poſt Bill of -		50	0 0
A Royal Bank of Scotland Note for -		10	0 0

Several Guinea Notes of Sir William Forbes and Company, Perth, and Dundee Banks.

The Pocket Book is ſince found below ſome ſtones near the Cheſt of Drawers, tore up, and near it Two accepted Bills, a Perth Guinea Note, a piece of a Promiſſory Note, and a Guinea Note of Sir William Forbes and Company that had been in the pocket book.

A number of Childrens Clothes.
A Cheſt, containing the following articles, viz.
15 yards, ſix quarters broad, Indian Muſlins.
A ſtript printed Cotton Night Gown.
A purple and white Cotton Gown and Petticoat.
A black Mode Cloak, with Lace.
A white flounced Cotton Petticoat.
Six Shifts.
20 pair Stockings.
6 Double Muſlin Handkerchiefs.
5 Muſlin Aprons.—5 Caps.
A Shawl ſewed with worſted.
A white Silk Handkerchief, with Tartan border.
4 Night Caps.—A black new Mode Bonnet.
Two Muſlin Caps, and Lappets, and Borders.
A ſcarlet Habit.—A pair of Shoes.
A Muſlin Handkerchief.—Two Pockets.
A pair of Silver Shoe Buckles.
A blue Cambie Mantle.
About 40 Dozen of Sherry, and other liquors.

A Reward of TWENTY POUNDS will be paid by Mr Robert Stewart, merchant in Perth, upon diſcovery of any perſon concerned in the above theft.

Houſes and Lands in Perthſhire
TO BE SOLD,

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the houſe of James Davidſon vintner in Muthil, on Friday 25th January 1788,

That large and convenient BREW SEAT, preſently poſſeſſed by the ſaid James Davidſon, the proprietor, conſiſting of a large double commodious dwelling houſe, large kitchen, garden, a large new-built malt barn and kiln, brewhouſe, a new built out-houſe, with commodious lofts for holding grain or malt, with good cellars, and a diſtillery houſe and oven. Alſo convenient ſtables and hay lofts, ſhades, corn barn, and ſtack-yard, containing about half an acre of ground, a park of four acres of land, in good heart, and well incloſed.—There are ſeveral dwelling-houſes which the proprietor has ſet, but which may be uſed for any purpoſe.

The premiſes are well ſituated on the great military road from Stirling to Crieff, in a pleaſant well cultivated country. The proprietor carried on an extenſive brewery, and ſupplied the country round with ale, and many of the public houſes in the populous village of Crieff. He alſo diſtilled whiſky, for which two branches there is every convenience neceſſary. A great part of the price may remain in the purchaſer's hand, on proper ſecurity. Offers may be made, before the ſale, to the proprietor in Muthil, or to James Gentle writer, Smith's Land, Edinburgh, either of whom will conclude a private bargain. The title-deeds are perfectly clear.

If the premiſes are not ſold, a good tenant will be acceptable, and may enter at Whitſunday next.

This Day is publiſhed,
By J. ROBERTSON, Fiſh-market Cloſe, Edinburgh, And ſold by all the Booksellers,
THE
UNIVERSAL SCOTS ALMANACK, for the Year 1788.

This Almanack is embelliſhed with
A *MAP* OF
The Roads of England and Wales,
From the laſteſt Surveys.

☞ The Liſts this year are very full, and every poſſible attention has been paid to render them correct.—In the Liſt of the Sheriff-Subſtitutes of Scotland, their ſalaries are annexed.

Booksellers in the Weſt Country will be ſupplied, as uſual, by J. and M. Robertſon's, Salt-market, Glaſgow.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN [illegible], Brewer in Gilmerton.

THAT upon the application of Alexander Ferrie, writer in Edinburgh, factor on the eſtate of the ſaid John Horn, ſequeſtrated eſtate, the Sheriff-depute of Edinburgh appointed Friday the 21ſt current, and each Friday in the three ſucceeding weeks, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Sheriff-clerk's Office, for the public examination of the bankrupt and his family, and others concerned with his buſineſs, in terms of the ſtatute.—Of which intimation is hereby made to all concerned.

Sale of Gogar Adjourned.

THE SALE of GOGAR in 1013, which ſtood for Wedneſday the 19th December inſtant, is, at the particular deſire of perſons intending to offer, ADJOURNED to *Wedneſday the 2d January next*, at the Old Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, betwixt the hours of one and two o'clock afternoon.

LETTER I.

In the ſuit depending before the Public,
[illegible]
AGAINST
JAMES FRASER, Eſq;

Counſell in behalf of the Defendant ſayeth,

" As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire, ſo is
" a contentious man to kindle ſtrife.
" When he ſpeaketh fair, believe him not; for there are
" ſeven abominations in his heart."—PROV.

THE proceedings in this action have hitherto been carried on before the great tribunal of London: the induſtrious implacability of the proſecutor firſt extended it to the North by a liberal diſtribution of his *Libellum* in quarto, followed by a thick octavo, compoſed in the ſame amiable ſpirit which inſpired the other. Theſe manifeſtoes were not thought ſufficient; letters have lately appeared in the Edinburgh papers, inviting the friends to combat in the liſts of this City. *Veritas* introduces his letter in the perſon of one of the audience; but he ſoon exhibits the *naked* truth, by ſtating himſelf a keen partiſan. It is right that the friends of Mr Fraſer ſhould alſo appear in his behalf; they have been ſufficiently provoked, and, as it is a popular action, a friend is entitled to plead his cauſe. Mr Fraſer has defended himſelf ably and effectually, but the parties ſtand not on equal ground: Captain Stewart was not perſonally concerned in the buſineſs he has brought under diſcuſſion, he therefore has enjoyed a capital advantage; ſtanding out of reach himſelf, he acts as inquiſitor, and condemns as judge; he boldly thruſts at an adverſary, ſtanding only upon his own defence, without aiming a blow in return.

I therefore accept the challenge of *Veritas*, the advocate of the proſecutor, and take up his gauntlet*.

The public at firſt had no intereſt in a quarrel reſpecting a matter private and particular; but the conduct of it upon the part of Captain Stewart, has now created an intereſt which nearly touches every man in the kingdom. It concerns, I ſay, every man in proportion to his tranſactions in life; and to men of buſineſs by profeſſion, it holds out a terrible example. Every body knows, that a looſe, confidential, or careleſs method of tranſacting affairs, is the ſource of much trouble, patrimonial loſs, and vexation to thouſands.

But whoever wiſhes to know to what an aſtoniſhing length a trivial error may be carried—to what a ſtupendous misfortune a ſingle miſtake may be magnified—let them read the attack of Robert Stewart againſt James Fraſer—let them read and tremble for their reputation and their peace.

Were a man to feed upon gall, wormwood, and aloes, people would wonder at, and perhaps abhor him for the ſtrangeneſs of his diet. What then would be ſaid of a mind which appeared to reliſh the misfortunes, the ſufferings, the weakneſſes, and the ruin of others; which turns with diſguſt from worth and innocence, and rejoices at every opportunity of invidious crimination!

Such a character is ſaid to have contaminated Rome, even in the Auguſtine age. *Caſſius Severus*, the orator, betrayed the moſt ſteady malevolence, and incorrigible ill-nature. He engaged in any cauſe that ſtruck at the reputation of a citizen, and was never diſcouraged by diſappointment. The Emperor wiſhed that Caſſius would accuſe the *Forum* he was then building, as a ſure means of having it aboliſhed from all its faults.

The manner how Caſſius (ſays Monſ. Bayle) tormented the Orator Ceſtius, ſerves to prove, that there *never was a more extravagant caviller, or a more quarrelſome man*. He never was knowd to [illegible] it is here ſuppoſed, that Veritas has uſed his gauntlet like a true Knight—that he has not endeavoured to knock down his antagoniſt with it, as Captain Stewart would have it Mr Fraſer did—" Mr Fraſer (ſays he) threw his gauntlet at the Gentleman to whom he writes." *Vide* Stewart's Narrative, p. 53. Such is the Captain's learned and elegant notion of the *Antient Combat*.

to plead for the accuſed but once; and that was for himſelf, when at laſt brought to trial. He died a miſerable exile. " Aſſuredly (continues Monſieur " Bayle) Caſſius was a *damned fellow*; and thoſe " that reſemble him in every age deſerve to die mi" ſerable as he."

Far be it from me to pretend, that the ſpirit of this worthy Roman ſeems to be inherited by Captain Stewart; nor do I ſay, that there is any reſemblance in the characters. When I mention *Caſſius*, I am only telling a biographical ſtory, to give variety to my argument, and entertainment to my readers*.

My chief propoſition is, to bring an affair which, as I already obſerved, is now become of importance, into a ſhape in which [illegible] upon it. The volumes which have been written upon either ſide, cannot have failed to impreſs the Public with a notion of a matter of the moſt intricate difficulty. Whereas it is no more than a ſhort and ſimple queſtion; a queſtion which the keeneſs and ingenuity of the parties have immerged in an ocean of unintereſting uſeleſs controverſy. Theſe books, I believe, have been read by very few people on either ſide.

Indeed, it can only be a perſonal concern in one or other of the gentlemen, that muſt ſupport any perſon through ſuch a heavy, tedious, and moſt diſagreeable journey.

I ſhall try to ſhorten the road, by approximating the principal matters upon which a true judgment only can be formed, and throwing aſide the immaterial circumſtances which have been dwelt upon by the parties†.

The [illegible] to introduce himſelf to the Public is, the *Accuſer of James Fraſer, Eſq;* for a wrong ſaid to be committed by him in private life‡.

In the days of the Republic, the citizens of Rome were allowed to accuſe each other in every caſe which related to the intereſt of the ſtate. The principle was, the boundleſs zeal which each citizen was ſuppoſed to have for his country. Under the Emperors, this was obſerved to produce a peſtiferous crowd of informers and accuſers. " Quis " conque" (Monteſquieu obſerves) " avoit bien " des vices et bien des talens, une ame bien baſſe, " et un eſprit ambitieux, cherchoit un criminel dont " la condamnation put plaire au prince; c'etoit la " voie pour aller aux honneurs et a la fortune." Vol. I. p. 165.

[illegible] the favour of the Prince in this kingdom; but theſe are caſes in [illegible] racter becomes very convenient and grateful to very conſiderable men. Mr Fraſer has charged Captain Stewart with making himſelf the inſtrument of a party; that all his ill-nature, his books, &c. were the mere materials of a job. The proof is, that the narrative or public charge againſt him (Mr Fraſer) appeared only a few days before a canvaſs for the direction of the India Company, for which Mr Fraſer was a candidate: That this paper was diſperſed amongſt all concerned in that election, and was founded upon by his opponents to defeat him.

Captain Stewart anſwers and acknowledges, (Vide Reply, p. 89,) " That it was his intention to prevent Mr Fraſer from being placed in a ſituation of truſt and importance; but declares that ſuch deſire ſprung from his love of truth, and regard to the public."——" If my principal purpoſe (ſays Mr Stewart) had been to defeat him in his election, would I have deferred it to the laſt moment, when I thereby run ſo imminent a riſk of not effecting the temporary purpoſe, which it is alledged I only had in view?"

Here we have an admirable ſpecimen of the mode of reaſoning of this polemical ſoldier. Was it poſſible to have contrived any thing more political than a ſudden and deſperate blow at the reputation of a candidate, upon the eve of a popular election? An unexpected accuſation, which the want of time, and the buſy avocations of the canvaſs, rendered it impoſſible to refute. Like a mine ſprung in the moment for execution, an attack of this kind aſtoniſhes and confounds every perſon within its reach. The effect is greateſt at firſt, and people only recover at leiſure. Of this, the event I am ſpeaking to afforded ſubſtantial proof. Mr Fraſer loſt his election, and ſeveral worthy Proprietors who voted againſt him from the ſudden prejudice, ſoon ſaw the impoſition, and were ſorry for having allowed themſelves to fall under it.

HUMANITAS.

P. S. To the PRINTER.—Your correſpondent *Veritas* may depend upon it I ſhall not evade the circumſtances of his friend's charge.—But, inſtead of following the falſe lights thrown out, I muſt take the liberty of managing this defence in my own way. *In utrumque paratus*, I ſhall probably make frequent attacks upon the road.

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* This, it is hoped, is a better apology than thoſe daily made by the members of the Houſe of Commons to each other, and more ſufficient than the *uſual* conciliatory declarations of men of honour.

† This will remedy Captain Stewart's complaint—" The " principal matters (ſays he) is purpoſely thrown into the " ſhade, whilſt immaterial circumſtances are brought forward " and dwelt upon." REPLY, p. 2.

‡ VERITAS tells us, in expreſs terms, That his hero was created for this prodigious purpoſe. " Mr Fraſer (ſays he) " did not foreſee, that there had ariſen a man, who, like " Mr *Stewart*, had the perſeverance to follow him, the ac" cuteneſs to detect all his miſrepreſentations, and the abi" lity to expoſe them." *Vide* COURANT of Nov. 22.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, *Dec.* 15.

Whitehall, Dec. 15.

THE King has been pleased to grant to the eve d William Langford, Doctor in Divinity, the place and dignity of a Prebendary of his Majesty's free Chapel of St George, in the Castle of Windsor, void by the death of the Reverend George Hamilton.

The King has also been pleased to grant to the Reverend John Plumptre, Master of Arts, the place and dignity of a Canon or Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of Worcester, void by the resignation of the Reverend Doctor William Langford.

War-Office, Dec. 15. 1787.

1st Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards, Lieutenant George Wingfield Sparrow, from the 7th regiment of light dragoons, is appointed to be Sub-Lieutenant, vice Henry Harcourt.

7th Regiment of light dragoons, Sub-Lieutenant Henry Harcourt, from the 1st troop of horse grenadier guards, to be Lieutenant, vice George Wingfield Sparrow.

1st Regiment of foot guards, Lieutenant Anthony Hardolph Eyre to be Captain of a company, vice John Douglas. Ensign John Cooke to be Lieutenant, vice A. H. Eyre. Hon. Edward Bligh to be Ensign, vice John Cooke.

Coldstream regiment of foot guards, Captain James Lord Torphichen, from the 24th regiment of foot, to be Lieutenant, vice John Baker.

33d Regiment of foot, Darcy Molyneux, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Edward Frederick Harvey.

60th Regiment of foot, Lieutenant John Hamilton Gordon, from [illegible] to be Adjutant, vice [illegible].

68th Regiment of foot, Lieutenant Thomas Hill to be Adjutant, vice William Potts.

71st Regiment of foot, Lieutenant Keith Young, from the half-pay of the late 98th regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice J. Armstrong.

Ensign F. Thompson, of the Invalids at Jersey, to be Ensign of Invalids at Plymouth, vice Paul Doughty.

Quarter-Master Serjeant Richard Roberts, of the Coldstream regiment of foot guards, to be Ensign of Invalids at Jersey, vice Francis Thompson.

Serjeant-Major James White, of the 3d regiment of foot guards, to be Ensign of Invalids at Jersey, vice William Wade.

MAILS.

Arrived—Ireland, 2.—France, 1.

Due—Ireland, 2.—Holland, 1.—Flanders, 1.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 15.

[illegible] Journal of the Bank of England and Pulteney was read and agreed to.

The House in a Committee on the Malt bill, Land Tax bill and Marine Mutiny bill, went through the same—and Lord Scarsdale, as Chairman, made a report thereof to the House.

A message was ordered to be sent to the House of Commons, to acquaint them that his Majesty had been waited upon with an Address relative to accomodations being made for the Members of that House at the trial of Warren Hastings, Esq; and that his Majesty had been graciously pleased to say, he would give directions to have a place fitted up for that purpose in Westminster-hall.

The Bishop of Bangor, in the absence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, moved, "That the Lord Bishop of Lincoln be desired to preach before his House on the 30th day of [illegible]"

FROM THE LONDON PAPERS, *Dec.* 17.

Paris, Dec. 10. The Protestants bill was the subject of a long conference in the House of Parliament of Paris on Friday last. Many of the articles concerning it were agreed to, but others were still the subject of discussion at six o'clock in the evening. A Committee was at last formed, and the final resolutions adjourned. The opinion that seems still to prevail is the convening the General Assembly; and another petition has been dispatched to Versailles for that purpose, and to beg at the same time the recall of the two Magistrates, and the Duke of Orleans, who, they say, met with a sad accident while he was hunting. In passing a brook that the rains had swelled very much, the bridge gave way, and his Highness fell with his horse into the [illegible] got safe on shore after swimming a little. The horse swam with the current a long way.

Extract of a letter from Paris, Dec. 7.

"An account has been received here from the squadron under the command of the Count de la Peyrouse and the Marquis de Langle, who are going a voyage round the world. They left Manilla, on the 13th of April, to re-enter the Pacific Ocean, where they will continue making their observations. They proposed to visit the East Coast of Asia, and would probably arrive at Kamschatka in August. From thence they intended to proceed to the South, to visit New Holland, which Captain Cook had not time to explore."

The following is a copy of a letter sent by the Grand Signior to the Grand Vizir, investing him with full power to act in the present war.

"My Grand Vizir,

"To give you a signal mark of my esteem, I have sent you a sabre set with diamonds, with which you must destroy our enemies; I send it you by my Cadvergi Bachi: As soon as you have girded it on your mighty thighs, you will without delay take the measures necessary for the defence and preservation of our Empire. You will station the troops in the proper places. I trust to your care the nobles of my Empire, my soldiers, and subjects. You must justify this confidence. I recommend you to the protection of the Most High, and have invested you with unlimited power.

"The whole world knows the usurpation the Russians have made in the Crimea, and the number of their vessels on the Black Sea. What ought the sentiments of those, who have any spark of our holy religion left in their hearts, to be upon this occasion? May the Supreme Being shower his graces on you, my nobles, my soldiers, and myself; may the Russians, our perfidious enemies, be exterminated!

"The countries possessed by myancestors have been usurped by the Russians in violation of all treaties: in consequence of which war has been declared, and an oracle issued from the sanctuary of laws, has confirmed that resolution to fulfil our duty in the war against the Infidels, and to accomplish the Jaws of the Holy Prophet, I have published my will throughout my Empire. The preparations ought to be the first object of our concerns: I desire you, my Grand Vizir, who are animated by the most ardent zeal and justice, to make all the necessary dispositions to depart immediately, and take the command of the army in person. I recommend to you harmony and a good understanding with all those who will be under you. Give the most rigorous orders that the officers who make the campaign keep themselves within the bounds of their situation, and a good economy, to avoid those disorders which happened in the preceding wars by the too great number of guards. In fine, accomplish the destruction of the Muscovites, the sworn and implacable enemies of our faith; for which end I give you the most unlimited powers."

LONDON,——*Dec.* 17.

This day his Majesty went in state to the House of Peers, and gave the Royal assent to the bills passed, after which their Lordships adjourned to Wednesday the 30th of January.

Saturday his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (as Duke of Rothsay) took the oaths to qualify him to vote for one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland.

It is supposed that the revenues and patronage annexed to the Duchy of Lancaster will go with the title, which will be a very ample provision for Prince [illegible] his Majesty, it is said, will reserve to himself the nomination of the Chancellor, and of the Chief Justices in Eyre, as well as the Surveyorship of the forests north and south of Trent.

The Dukedom of Clarence, destined for Prince Edward, will be a bare title, there being no revenues belonging to it; a suitable provision will, therefore, be established out of the Civil List, to which will be added military appointments.

On Saturday an express arrived at Mr Dundas's with the account of the death of his brother, the Lord President of the Court of Session.

It is reported with some confidence, that the Turks have offered terms of peace to the Russian Court, provided Great Britain, France, and Prussia will act as guarantees. It may be doubted how far it would be politic in Britain to act in such a character with France, unless the tendency of it might be to divide with France those commercial advantages France has for some time almost exclusively enjoyed with the Porte.

Holland is no longer a subject of speculation.—The revolution, if it may be called so, is now complete; the French aristocratic party are grubbed up root and branch; and a treaty about to be concluded with this country, which will be productive of the best effects to both. The King of Prussia has discovered the spirit as well as wisdom of his predecessor, and the pride of France has been humbled.

Though the report of a *Quadruple Alliance*, in the manner it was announced to the public, and the unwarrantable conclusions formed from the speeches of several Members on the opening of the session, carried an air of improbability; yet to detect false [illegible] as therein given of as much utility to the public, every possible enquiry where we could be best informed, and find the whole to wear the face of an interested, or malicious fabrication.

The Continental letter, on which the above report was said to be founded (though there is great reason to suppose it was fabricated here) was carried, or at least a copy of it, to the Treasury on Thursday last by a gentleman in the confidence of Government, and the answer there was, *they knew nothing about it.* Indeed by a recurrence to the King's speech, which is always reckoned the most founded account of domestic and foreign politics, we will there find "that though the peace of Europe is at present disturbed by the war between Russia and the Porte, his Majesty has received the most perfect assurances of a pacific disposition to this country."

Subject, however, as this report was to the above detections, it answered its purpose very well, as stocks fell very near one per cent on it on Thursday last, nor did the alarm subside till near the close of the market, when they in some degree recovered.

The Dutch are building in the several dock-yards of the Seven United Provinces the following men of war, the keels of which were mostly laid down by the influence of France after the conclusion of her treaty with the States General, previous to the late disturbances; which plainly indicates the politics of the Court of Versailles, and a spirit of jealousy against this country, from which they never will probably depart.

At Amsterdam.	Guns.
Admiral General	76
Nepthunes	74
Gouda	74
Crevoulie	64
At Enckhuysen.	
Del Argousier	64
At Medemblic.	
Del Pluto	64
Del Patriote	64

At Rotterdam.	Guns.
Sept. Provintnes	74
Bataviere	64
At Harlingen.	
La Leeux	54
At Helvoetsluys.	
La Bargoere	58
Bellona	54
At Flushing.	
Zevenwoldte	64
Dondereré	60

Four new ships of the line are ordered to be laid down immediately in the King's yards, one of which is to be of 90 guns, to be called the Bulwark.

The Bounty armed storeship, Captain Pligh, on a voyage round the world, is again drove back to St Helen's for the third time.

REDUCTION OF HORSE GUARDS.

The Horse and Grenadier Guards are those denominated household troops, and have always constituted a principal part of the external pomp and splendour of the Sovereign.

The reduction of those corps, in order to admit of others more essentially useful to the kingdom, is therefore the greater mark of condescension in his Majesty, who voluntarily suggested it.

In the event of a war, the three regiments of foot guards are to take the tour of foreign service with the regiments of foot indiscriminately.

Although the Turks have not yet proceeded to actual hostilities with Poland, it is much apprehended that peace cannot subsist between that Republic and the Porte. The Grand Signior has expedited a firman, in which he gives notice, that he will attack the Russians wherever he finds them; and that he shall be sorry, on account of the good understanding that has subsisted between him and the Republic of Poland, if it should be necessary for him to invade their country, through which the Russians are not only permitted to pass, but in which they are permitted to establish themselves.

This important piece of information having been communicated officially to the Permanent Council, it was resolved that orders should be sent to Count Potocki, Palatine of Russia, as Commander in Chief of the Polish troops in Ukraine, to repel by force any hostile invasion that might be made into the territories of the Republic. The national cavalry on the frontiers are also to be assembled; and a Tartar General, of distinction and approved military powers, is appointed to command them.

On Thursday evening Lord George Gordon was removed from the King's Bench Prison to Newgate, where he is now confined. There *was* a time when Newgate would not have held his Lordship, but, with his religion, he has lost his *popularity*—The Jews are a *quiet* people, and friends to *order* and *good government*.

When Lord George Gordon was carried to the King's Bench, he strongly solicited permission to walk at large amongst the rest of the prisoners, which was, for obvious reasons, peremptorily refused by the Marshall, who kept his Lordship in conversation some hours at his own house, till the room over the lodge was prepared for his reception. During their conversation, Lord George expressed his astonishment how, in his then disguise, it was possible for any man to know him? to which the Marshall replied, he should have recollected him by his hair, in any part of the world. No, says his Lordship, you would not with my hat on. The experiment was made, and the growth of beard had worked so great an alteration, that the Marshall readily acknowledged his mistake.

This day James Carse was found guilty at the Old Bailey, of the wilful murder of Sarah Hays, in Bell Smithfield, by cutting her throat; and received sentence to be executed on Wednesday next—but the Judge respited him until his Majesty's pleasure be further known.

PRICE of STOCKS, Dec. 17.

Bank Stock, 157.	3 per cent. India Ann. —
New 3 per cent. 1777, 95¾.	India Bonds, —
5 per cent. Ann. 1785, shut.	South Sea Stock, —
3 per cent. red. 73¾ a ¼.	Old S. S. Ann. —
3 per cent. con. shut, 76¼ a ⅞	New ditto, shut.
a ¾ a ⅞ for the open.	3 per cent. 1751, shut.
3 per cent. 1726, —	New Navy and Victualling Bills, —
Long Ann. 22 7-16ths.	Exch. Bills, —
30 Years Ann. 1778, 13¾ a 13-16ths.	Lottery Tickets, 16 l. 11 s. 6 d. a 14 s. a 15 s.
India Stock, shut	

WIND AT DEAL, Dec. 16. S. W.

EDINBURGH.

Tuesday last, the remains of the late Lord President Dundas were interred in the family burying-place at Arniston. At ten o'clock before noon, the funeral procession began from the Parliament Close in the following order:

Town Officers, two and two; their halberts covered with crape.

The Mace-bearer and Sword-bearer of the City; the mace and sword covered with crape.

The Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council in their Robes—three and three.

Mace-bearer of the University; his mace covered with crape.

The Principal and Professors of the University in their gowns—three and three.

Four Mace-bearers of the Lords of Session—two and two; their maces covered with crape.

The Lords of Session in their Robes—two and two.

Principal Clerks of Session, and Clerks of Teind or Court, in their gowns—two and two.

Bar-keeper to the Dean and Faculty of Advocates, in his gown, his barton covered with crape.

The Dean and Faculty of Advocates in their gowns, three and three.

Macer to the Court of Exchequer; his mace covered with crape.

Barons of Exchequer, in their Gowns and Bands, the Lord Chief Baron supported by the Lord Advocate and Baron Norton, followed by the principal Officers and the Attornies belonging to the Court, in their Gowns—three and three.

Officer of his Majesty's Signet, in his gown, his mace covered with crape.

The Depute-Keeper, Commissioners, and Clerks to his Majesty's Signet, in their gowns—three and three.

The Preses of the Agents or Solicitors admitted by the Court of Session, and his brethren—three and three.

The First Clerks of Advocates—three and three.

The procession proceeded down the Fishmarket Close, up the Horse Wynd, and along by the front of the College, to the Lord President's house in Adam's Square, where it went round the Square till the corpse was brought out. Immediately after this, the mutes, &c. proceeded, forward to Nicolson's Street, where the hearse waited. At this time, the Principal and Professors of the University reversed their manner of walking, the junior Professors going first, and the Principal of the College last. The Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council observed the same etiquette, so that the Lord Provost came to walk immediately before the corpse, preceded by the sword and mace-bearers. The rest of the procession was conducted in the same order in which it set out, by which means the Lords of Session fell to take place immediately after the corpse. The friends of the deceased, and such Gentlemen as did not belong to any of the public bodies who attended the funeral, walked after the Advocates first Clerks. In this order the whole procession moved on to Nicolson's Street, where the corpse was put into the hearse, and conveyed to the place of interment, attended by the relations and friends of the family, in mourning coaches, and by several of the Nobility, Lords of Session, &c. &c. in their own carriages, amounting, in all, to upwards of 50.

Never, perhaps, either here or elsewhere, was a procession of the kind conducted with greater decorum, gravity, and solemnity. It was escorted by the military from the Castle, and the City Guard; and, while the body was conveying from Adam's Square to Nicolson's Street, the band of music belonging to the military played the dead march in Saul. This, added to the tolling of the great bell, which rung funeral peals, and the general concern marked in the countenances of all ranks of people, rendered the scene at once grand, striking, and awful!

Yesterday, the Court of Session met again for the dispatch of business, when the Lords, and all the other members of the College of Justice, appeared in deep mourning, and which will be continued till the Court rises for the Christmas holidays.

There is not any one axiom, perhaps, more self-evident, than this, That, in proportion as the civil and criminal Judges of a country are rendered independent, in the same proportion may that country be expected to advance in civilization, and every improvement which tends to render the people happy at home, and respectable in the eyes of foreign nations. The first step taken to place Scotland in this envious situation, may be dated from the abolition of the heritable jurisdictions, a thraldom under which it was absolutely impossible any people could taste the sweets of freedom, or improve in any one art or science. This salutary regulation took place in the 20th of George II. when an act was passed for taking away the heritable jurisdictions in Scotland, by which it was enacted, That there shall be but one Sheriff-depute or Stewart-depute, in every county, shire, or stewartry in Scotland, who shall be appointed by his Majesty, his heirs and successors, with competent salaries. In pursuance of this statute, Sheriffs or Stewarts-depute were appointed, with competent salaries. But, owing to the advance of every necessary of life since the 1748, and the great increase of the trade and manufactures of this country, what was then a competent salary, is now a most trifling one, which put it out of the power of the Sheriff-deputes to give suitable salaries to Gentlemen to officiate as their substitutes.—This matter being represented to his Majesty, and his Majesty having laid the representation before the Lord Justice Clerk and Lord Advocate, their Lordships reported it as their opinion, that each of the Sheriffs and Stewarts-depute should have an addition to their salary of 50 l. making 1400 l. and that they should be relieved from paying their substitutes. In consequence of this report, his Majesty was graciously pleased, on the 9th October last, to issue his sign-manual for the above 1400 l to the Sheriff-deputes, and for 2280 l. to be allocated as yearly salaries to their substitutes, who are, in future, to enjoy their offices for life, in the same manner as every other Judge in the kingdom.—It would be superfluous here to recite the various acts of Scotch Majesty, in order to render the Judges entirely independent of the Crown. These must be in the remembrance of every reader. But, as this fresh instance of his Majesty's goodness may not be generally known, we thought it not an improper article of intelligence to be laid before the public at large.

On the 11th current, was married at Glasgow, Donald Maclean of Kingerloch, Esq; to Miss Ann Maclean, daughter of the deceased Hugh Maclean of Ardgour, Esq;

Master James Forbes, third son of Sir William Forbes, Bart. of Pitsligo, died here last Monday.

Mrs Lauder of Carrolside died here on Monday last.

On the 9th instant, at London, died suddenly, in the 56th year of her age, Mrs Bell, wife of Robert Bell, Esq;—A most endearing and affectionate wife—an affectionate parent of a numerous offspring—a kind and hospitable friend to her relations and acquaintance—all now deploring the loss of so worthy a character.

The Rev. Mr Alexander Scott, minister of the gospel at Innerkip, died there, the 15th instant, in the 74th year of his age, and 43d of his ministry, very much regretted by his parishioners, and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Yesterday se'ennight, died at Dumfries, Miss Jean Macmurdo, daughter of the deceased Mr William Macmurdo, merchant in that place.

Yesterday, a Committee from the merchants, shipowners, and shipmasters, waited upon the Lord Provost with a proposition, that his Lordship would give orders for removing the sand-banks thrown up in different parts of the harbour, as a temporary relief for the preservation of the shipping, till such time as a proper plan should be fixed upon for its enlargement. This the Lord Provost most cheerfully and readily consented to, and is to give orders accordingly, so soon as the weather will permit, and the harbour is less crowded with shipping than it is at present.

At a meeting of the Chemical Society in Surgeon's Square, on the 7th inst. the following Gentlemen were elected Presidents for the ensuing year:

Mr Robert Ross, of the county of Cork;

Mr William Allanby, of the county of Cumberland;

Mr John Turner Green, of the county of Armagh;—and

Mr Samuel Crump, of the county of Kerry.

Saturday last, the University and King's College of Aberdeen, conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine on Mr Josiah Packwood Surgeon in London.

Thursday the 13th curt. the Magistrates of Cupar-Fife fined a public-house keeper there in Ten Guineas, for harbouring and entertaining a profane and riotous company, drinking in his house on the Lord's Day, contrary to his Majesty's late proclamation; and also fined each person in the company two pounds Scots.—It is to be wished that his Majesty's proclamation, and the several acts of Par-

went therein mentioned, were more univerſally obſerved, for the ſuppreſſion of vice and immorality, eſpecially the profanation of the Lord's Day; and that public-houſe keepers, and the companies entertained by them, were more ſtrictly looked after;—ſuch places, in general, but particularly the lower claſs of them, being a nurſery of vice and corruption of morals.

A correſpondent happening to turn up an act of Parliament of James VII. which ordains, "the "Magiſtrates of Edinburgh to keep the ſtreets "clean and free of beggars, under the pain of one "thouſand merks yearly, to be paid to the Lords "of Seſſion," &c.—He could not help obſerving, that at preſent this penalty ſeems particularly forfeited. The ſhocking appearances of beggars in different places of the city are a great nuiſance, and daily increaſing. It is impoſſible to ſuppoſe, that there is not a fund for maintainance of every proper object in the city:—And yet the ſituation of a number of females with children, lying expoſed in this inclement ſeaſon on the ground, in Forteſter's Wynd, Scott's Cloſe, &c. &c. appears ſo truly deplorable, that humanity is conſtrained to believe they are driven by neceſſity alone to that miſerable expedient for their ſubſiſtence.—Whether, however, their wants be real or fictitious, their appearance on the ſtreets is enough to impreſs every ſtranger with an idea of their being either totally unprovided for, or that the Magiſtrates and their officers are remiſs in the diſcharge of the duty, ſo long ago enjoined them by act of Parliament. In the late Lord Provoſt's reign, the ſtreets of Edinburgh were almoſt entirely free of this nuiſance. It is truſted the preſent Chief Magiſtrate, will revive and enforce the ſame laudable meaſures, without which the police of this city certainly incurs a deſerv'd odium.

TORRY AND BUCHAN, front of the Exchange, beg leave reſpectfully to acquaint their Friends and the Public, that Mr Torry is juſt arrived from London.

The Diana, Alexander Comb, for London, was well in Yarmouth Roads the 16th inſt.

The brig Nancy, S. Kittery maſter, from Londonderry, for Liverpool, was totally loſt, on Tueſday the 20th ult. on the coaſt of Cantire. The captain and five hands drowned. The remaining four men were brought to Liverpool laſt Sunday, by Captain Boothby, of the Richard, whoſe veſſel was at that time on ſhore on the ſmall iſles of Jura; but, by his ſpirited exertions, ſhe was got off again, though his people mutinied, and ſeven of them, among whom was his ſecond mate, took his beſt boat and left him. Captain Boothby merits much praiſe for his manly and determined conduct on the occaſion; the mutinous men abuſing him, and tearing the clothes off his back: but, by his intrepidity and reſolution, he kept the reſt of his people to their duty, and brought the ſhip home.

Laſt week a quantity of coals was ſent, by a Gentleman in the neighbourhood of Glaſgow, to the Calton there, to be diſtributed among the poor. And in the courſe of ſeveral months, previous to September laſt, the Barony Seſſion have received upwards of twenty pounds ſterling, incloſed in unknown letters, with [illegible] to be diſtributed amongſt the moſt neceſſitous of the poor. This has afforded often a very ſeaſonable relief and comfort to many diſtreſſed families, and has called forth their gratitude and their prayers in behalf of their unknown benefactor.

A Gentleman of Glaſgow has deſired us to publiſh the following account of the diſtreſs he and his family had ſuffered during the late flood.

"Sunday 9th inſtant, the Molendinar Burn was greatly ſwelled by the melting of the ſnow and inceſſant rains, but fell upwards of one foot between ten and eleven o'clock at night; this removed any apprehenſion of our being inundated from that quarter. Myſelf and family went to bed, but were ſuddenly awaked by an alarm of the burn's greatly riſing.

"We then knew the waters of the Monkland navigation were pouring down upon us. All hands went to work, and we formed a barricade at our outer door, three foot high, and impenetrable to water. This availed us nothing, as our houſe inſtantly filled with water, which ruſhed in with ſuch violence and noiſe as removed every ſenſation, but that of ſaving our lives. To make our eſcape by our outer gate was now impoſſible, as the water had overflowed the road leading from it, with a current ſo deep, and ſo rapid, as would have ſweeped us all away—Death was now before our eyes, when it occurred there was a paſſage ſtill open for our eſcape, by means of a window which looked into the garden; through which we all entered. The clock now ſtruck one—the rain, mixed with ſleet, fell inceſſantly—the wind blew a hurricane, the waters roared, and we were ſurrounded (to uſe an expreſſion of Milton's) with darkneſs viſible—Being half naked, we were inſtantly wet to the ſkin; in this ſad ſituation, our only hope was to gain ſome neighbour's houſe—This alſo we found impoſſible, not being able to get over the garden wall. We then groped into the park, where we had a ſmall wooden houſe, uſed in ſummer as as an arbour; into this we entered, thankful to Providence for ſparing our lives, and conducting us to a reſting place. Here we ſtaid upwards of ſix hours without fire; and our ſhelter not being water-proof, the rain fell upon us from every quarter. Day now began to break, when we ſaw the waters beginning to aſſawage; we then endeavoured to depart from our wretched aſylum; but it was nearly too late, all of us being more than half dead, and two of our number were reduced ſo weak as to render it neceſſary to be carried into our houſe."

Extract of a letter from Glaſgow, Dec. 17.

"We hear, that a number of the Burgher Seceders in this city have opened a ſubſcription for building another church, in Campbell's Street, Gallowgate. The ſubſcription is going rapidly forward, the friends to the ſcheme ſubſcribing from five to twenty guineas each.

"Monday, a man was found drowned in the water near Dalmuir.

"Tueſday, a young man, a hatter, was alſo found drowned at the Saw-mill, back of the ſlaughter-houſe.

"Tueſday night a gentleman was attacked at the foot of the Old Vennal by two fellows who intended to rob him: recollecting that in ſuch caſes fair words are often very good aſſiſtants, he beſeeched them to go along with him to a houſe at the head of the lane, and he would give them a ſhilling apiece, and ſome porter—which they agreed to; but when approaching near the door, they thought proper ſilently to decamp.—They had a woman in company, who attempted to take off the gentleman's hat, but was ordered to withdraw by her *generous* companions.

"Wedneſday night, a girl was knocked down near the Exchange by two fellows, who robbed her of her duffle cloak.

"Thurſday night, a woman paſſing by the College, had her pocket, containing 4s. 6d. forcibly torn away from her ſide, by a fellow paſſing her.

"Friday night, a bundle of braſs weights was carried off, unperceived, from an ironmonger's counter in the Trongate.

"Saturday night, a ſervant girl was attacked by four villains in Shuttle-ſtreet, who cut away her pocket, in which were four ſhillings."

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

M. S.

GEORGII RAMSAY, Comitis de *Dalhouſie*, &c. &c.

Viri veteris prolapſæ,
Necnon multarum imaginum,
Gentis ſuæ facile Principis;
Qui ad recuperandam valetudinem
Peregre proficiſcens,
In medio vitæ curriculo raptus,
Obiit Abbavillæ in Gallia
Menſe Novemb. 52do anno ætatis.
Si omnes illæ virtutes
Quæ in hominem cadere ſolent,
Potuiſſent mortis immaturæ
Gradum ſiſtere,
Dies fatalis adveniſſet tardius!
Nec tam cito orbaſſet
Remp. ſolicam conſilio,
Numeroſam progeniem exemplo,
Conjugem mœrentem marito!
Succeſſorem habet, quod reliquum eſt ſolatii,
De quo, etſi puero, optima augurari licet,
Gloriæ majorum diu ſuccreſcat.
Sed interim—Hei mihi! Quantum
Præſidium Auſonia, et quantum
In hoc lubrico ætatis,
Tu perdis IULE!

1787.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

THOUGH I lay no claim to the merits, give me leave, by way of introduction to my ſtory, to uſe the words of the worthy Colonel Cauſtic: "It is ſomewhat particular, and I love to tell it, as I do every thing which is to the honour of our nature." A few days ago, a ſeemingly handſome little fellow enliſted with a recruiting party in this place, belonging to Colonel Abercrombie's regiment. He was rather below ſize, but, becauſe of his lively appearance, they agreed to keep him; when the following accident unhinged the whole. Upon taking leave of the officer who had been meaſuring him, ſome unlucky piece of board encountered his feet, and, had it not been for the ſerjeant, in all probability, would have turned him end for end, and perhaps might have diſulged his ſecret in a manner leſs agreeable; for he wore a kilt. Fortune, however, often the friend of humble virtue, had decreed that he ſhould fall into the arms of the ſerjeant. Their breaſts met each other with a vengeance, and the honeſt ſoldier felt the ſtroke as a man.—"Bleſſings!" exclaimed he, "ſhowers of bleſſings fall on you, woman. But what the deuce has brought you here?" Her heart gave way to its feelings, and her eyes anſwered to its call. "Love! Oh! Sir, all-conquering love, has made me fall among you. My Duncan has theſe three weeks formed one of your party. A trifling difference drove him from me, and, ere he ſlept, he enliſted with you. Life without him is miſery; I have been theſe three weeks in hell. I thought, if I could get on board the ſhip with him undiſcovered, I would then, proſtrate, tell him who I was. Oh! Sir, I know him; his heart would have relented at firſt, and my happineſs would have been complete." Suffice it to ſay, the ſon of Mars reluctantly received back our heroine's enliſting money, and while he reſtored her to her liberty, deprived her of her lover. Mark it, my countrywomen, to your eternal honour, that honeſt worth has not yet left the world. In every ſampler give it a place, that, in the year 1787, *faithful virtuous attachment was ſeen in Stirling.*

AGRESTIS.

REPORT *of the* Quantities of Meal *brought into the Meal Market of Edinburgh, with the Prices at which it ſold, Dec.* 18. 1787:

Lothian oat-meal,	97	bolls.
South Country ditto,	120	
	s.	d.
Beſt Lothian oat-meal ſold at	14	0
Second ditto,	13	6
Third ditto,		
Beſt South Country ditto,	13	0
Second ditto,	12	6
Third ditto,	12	0
Beſt meal ſold by retail at	0	11½
Second ditto,	0	11
Third ditto,	0	10½

per boll.

per peck.

VERSES

Occaſioned by the Death of JAMES FERGUSSON, Eſq; late Student of Philoſophy in the Univerſity of Glaſgow.

Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit.

SAD truth, EDINA, thro' thy turrets rings,
Thy tolling bells proclaim the ſad'ning news;
The burden'd air the tale to GLASGOW brings—
A ſerious ſubject for the plaintive muſe!

No more ſhall FERGUSSON, the pride of ſwains,
On this terreſtrial globe delight the eye!
Cut off by Death, no more he'll grace the plains,
The beſt ſociety in friendſhip's tie!

The virgin will may drop a copious tear,
As by his tomb with troubled heart ſhe ſtrays;
And they, to whom philoſophy is dear,
May change their gladſome notes to mourful lays.

No more ſhall JASMINE ſee the lovely youth
Whoſe fluent anſwers fill'd him with ſurpriſe,
And whoſe ſuperior judgment could, in truth,
Unveil the darkeſt points from all diſguiſe.

With ARTHUR he could walk an equal pace,
Through all the ſprings from which our actions flow.
He ſaw that Virtue wore a lovely grace,
And ne'er forſook his paths while here below.

Juſt at the moment when he meant to learn
The laws of nature too abſtruſe for man,
He's call'd from earth to where he can diſcern,
With glance intuitive, the gen'ral plan!

No longer, CRABSTON *, need you henceforth toil;
With ſmall effort you now may gain the prize—
Sure you can ne'er forget his native ſmile,
Whoſe heart to your's was knit by firmeſt ties.

But let not ſorrow ſtill poſſeſs your thought,
That he ſo haſtily was ſnatch'd away—
Walk with your God; by his example taught,
Whene'er could ſay at night—"I've loſt a day!"

* A fellow-ſtudent and faithful companion of the deceaſed.

Glaſgow, Dec. 3. 1787.

Thermometer and Barometer ſince our laſt:

				THER.	BAR.
Monday,	*Dec.* 17.	8 o'clock,	P. M.	40	29.05
Tueſday,	—— 18.	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
		8 ——	P. M.	39	29.13
Wedneſday,	—— 19.	8 ——	A. M.	40	29.20
		8 ——	P. M.	40	29.20
Thurſday,	—— 20.	8 ——	A. M.	38	29.22

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND,

Nov. 28. Duke of Athole, of and for Borrowſtounneſs, Hart, from St Peterſburgh, with tallow and hemp.
Peggy of ditto, Occonocher, from ditto, for Grangemouth, with deals and iron.
Siſters of Grangemouth, Matſon, from ditto, for Leith, with flax and iron.
Britannia of Dyſart, Mitchel, from Memel, for Newburgh, with timber.
Jane of Kirkcaldy, Bett, from ditto, for Leith, ditto.
Adventure of Leith, Lumſdane, from St Peterſburgh, for ditto, with tallow.
29. [illegible]
Cordilia, of and for Borrowſtounneſs, Gotzelaff, from Riga, with codille, hemp, and flax.
Concord of Dundee, Stuirock, from ditto, for do. ſeed.
Dec. 2. Archibald, of and for Glenſburgh, Gloag, from Riga, with flax.
Active, of and for Leith, Read, from Pillaw, ditto.
Induſtry, of and for Dundee, Sime, from St Peterſburgh, with flax and iron.
Amiable Tweedy of Arbroath, Kenney, from ditto, for Arbroath and Leith, with ditto.
3. Concord, of and for Leith, Wilſon, from ditto, ditto.

P. S. The Peggy, Occonocher; Britannia, Mitchel; Jane, Bett; mentioned as having ſailed from the Sound on the 28th current, were all put back ſame evening by contrary winds.—The other three, namely, Hart, Matſon, and Lumſdane, kept out.—The George of Memel, James Johnſon, for Ferrol, got aground on the Lapſand on the 29th paſt, but got off again by the aſſiſtance of a boat's crew from the ſhore, without any damage done the ſhip.

We are in daily expectations of the ſhips from St Peterſburgh.

Glaſgow, Dec. 4. 1787.—Wind S. E.

WOOD AND HOWDEN.

SAILED FROM GREENOCK,

Dec. 16. Nancy, Brown, for Roſs, with goods.
Francis Ann, Haſtie, for Dublin, with ditto.
Elliot, Ward, for Liverpool, with ditto.
Bee, M'Arthur, for Dublin, with ditto.
Prince Edward Cutter, Cook.
18. Recovery, Baxter, for Dublin, with goods.

ARRIVED AT LEITH,

Dec. 18. Temple, Bridges, from Hamburgh, goods.
James and Mary, Kelly, from London, ditto.
Elizabeth, Mabſon, from Yarmouth, grain.
Elliock, Cuthk, from Gainſburgh, goods.
Fortune, Charteris, from Campvere, ditto.
Ann, Notman, from Liverpool, ſalt.

SAILED,

Active, Thicker, for Stockton, young trees.

MONEY LOST.

THERE was LOST on Monday laſt, betwixt the hours of Two and Three afternoon, betwixt the Caſtlehill and St Andrew's Street, a TEN POUND NOTE, a FIVE POUND NOTE, and a GUINEA NOTE of the Royal Bank, and a FIVE POUND Newcaſtle Note.

Any perſon who has found the ſame, upon returning them to the Printer, will be handſomely rewarded.

The numbers of the Notes are known.

County of Forfar.

THE Freeholders, Juſtices of Peace, and Commiſſioners of Supply of the county of Forfar are hereby informed, That the Committee appointed at the laſt Michaelmas Head Court, to propoſe a bill for making certain roads turnpike, and alſo another bill for converting into money the whole ſtatute labour of the ſaid county, have ſignified to me, that the ſaid bills are now prepared, and have made application to me, in terms of the minute of ſaid Michaelmas Head Court, to call a meeting of the county to take the ſaid bills into conſideration.—I therefore hereby give notice to all whom it may concern, That I appoint a meeting of the county to be held, for the aforeſaid purpoſe, at the Town-hall of Forfar, on Wedneſday the 9th day of January next, at twelve o'clock preciſely. And notice is hereby further given, That Charles Lyell, Eſq; of Kinnordie is to petition the ſaid meeting for a diviſion of the valued rent of certain parts of this ſhire.

JOHN RAIT, Convener.

N. B. Copies of the two bills are printed, and lodged with the Sheriff-clerk at Forfar, and with the Town Clerks of the ſeveral Boroughs within the county, for the peruſal of any Gentleman who may apply for them.

Not to be repeated.

THIS DAY is PUBLISHED,
Printed for J. Stockdale and J. Murray, London
And WILLIAM CREECH, Edinburgh,
(Price 2s. 6d.)

The Anſwer of Warren Haſtings, Eſq;

TO THE

ARTICLES EXHIBITED

By the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, &c.

Delivered at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords on Wedneſday the 28th of November 1787.

Alſo this Day is publiſhed, by William Creech,

1. Fielding's New Peerage of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with all the Arms engraved, price 6s.
2. New Heraldry in Miniature, containing all the arms, creſts, ſupporters, and mottos of the Peers of England, Scotland, and Ireland; alſo a dictionary of heraldry; price 2s. 6d.
3. The London Kalendar, or Court and City Regiſter for England, Scotland, and Ireland, for the year 1788, price 3s. bound in red.
4. The Ladies Pocket Book for 1788, with engravings of the moſt faſhionable dreſſes, price 1s. bound in red.

CALEDONIAN HUNT.

THE Members are requeſted to meet at Fortune's, upon Saturday the 12th of January.

The meeting of the 11th current elected the following Members for the enſuing year:

The EARL of BREADALBANE, Preſes.
COLONEL WEMYSS, Treaſurer.
COLONEL ALEXR. CAMPBELL, Munzie,
WM. HAMILTON, Eſq; of Wiſhaw,
GEO. DOUGLAS, Eſq; of Cavers,
} Counſellors.
WILLIAM HAGGART, Sec.

FOREST OF GLENARTNEY.

TO be LET by public roup, upon Friday the 8th day of February 1788, within the houſe of Archibald Buchanan vintner in Callender of Monteith, for one leaſe, and entered to at Whitſunday next, That extenſive well-known Grazing, called the FOREST of GLENARTNEY, lying within the pariſh of Comrie, and county of Perth. The roup to begin at twelve o'clock mid-day; and the articles of roup will be ſhown by David Robertſon at Drummond caſtle, or by William Lundie clerk to the ſignet.

FARMS TO LET.

TO be LET by public roup, within the houſe of Walter Ritchie, innkeeper in Peebles, on *Thurſday the 15th day of January* 1788, at eleven o'clock forenoon, and to be entered to at Whitſunday next, the following FARMS, all lying in the county of Peebles, viz.

Pariſh of STOBO.

Farms.	*Preſent Poſſeſſors.*	*Rent.*
EASTER HAPPREW,	James Gibſon, L.	131 0 0
WESTER HAPPREW,	John Alexander,	118 0 0
Pariſh of NEWLANDS.		
NETHER DROCHIL,	Thomas Hill,	78 0 0
OVER DROCHIL,	Robert Symington,	42 0 0

The articles of roup to be ſeen in the hands of John Rate, writer to the ſignet, Park-place, Edinburgh; to whom ſuch perſons as incline to treat for Leaſes of theſe farms by private bargain, may give in propoſals before the day of roup.

N. B. The farms will be ſhown by John Hunter, meſſenger in Peebles, baron-officer of the eſtate.

Sale of Lands in Roſs-ſhire,

BY ADJOURNMENT,

At the Deſire of intending Purchaſers.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 22d day of January 1788, at five o'clock afternoon,

The Lands and Eſtate of GRUINARD, comprehending the lands of Gruinard, properly ſo called, the lands of Drumchork, Teanaſilin, Sand, Udrigill, Dunnierland, and others, with the Salmon and other Fiſhings, Grazings, Shealings, and other pertinents thereof, lying in the barony of Lochbroom, pariſh of Gerloch, and ſhire of Roſs, either altogether, or in the following two lots or parcels, in the expoſer's option.

Theſe lands are held of a ſubject ſuperior for payment of 3 l. Sterling of feu-duty, are of great extent, lie all contiguous, are commodiouſly ſituated for fiſhing ſtations, and otherwiſe, and have an extenſive tract of ſea coaſt, upon which and the adjacent grounds there are inexhauſtible limeſtone quarries; and upon the ſhores, a conſiderable quantity of kelp hath, during theſe ſeveral years paſt, been manufactured. There are beſides, ſhelly ſand and ſea-ware for manure to be had on theſe ſhores in the greateſt abundance, and on the lands the moſt ample ſufficiency of the fineſt peat for fuel. Some of the farms are well adapted for paſturing ſheep. Deer and all other kinds of Highland game, as well as ſhell and other fiſh of every ſpecies, are to be had there in the greateſt profuſion. The whole lands are very improveable, and yield at preſent a neat well-paid rent of 303 l. 18 s. 8 d. Sterling, ſubject only to a liferent proviſion to the widow of the late proprietor, of 30 l. Sterling per annum; for anſwering which, a capital ſum, yielding an intereſt equivalent thereto, will be allowed to remain during her life in the ſervices are ſtated at the very loweſt conſiderable rent, on the expiry of the current leaſes, a very great increaſe of rent may with certainty be expected.

If theſe lands are expoſed in lots, the following diviſion is propoſed, viz.

LOT I.—To conſiſt of the lands of Teanaſilin, Aultbea, Fadonmie, Drumchork, Milo of Aultbea, half of the Saleton Fiſhings of Drumchork, Kelp rent of Teanaſilin and Drumchork, half of ſand, the firſt and ſecond Coaſt, the third Coaſt, Little Gruinard, and Bienchaiſgan, together with the cuſtoms and ſervices of the ſame, as per particulars in the rental, yielding of groſs rent,

	L.	201	8 6
Proportion of public burden,		9	18 7 5-12ths.
Nett rent,	L.	191	9 10 7-12ths.

Teanaſilin, upon which there is a good new ſlated manſion-houſe and garden, is ſituated upon Loch Ewe, oppoſite to the iſland of Lewis; is the fitteſt ſtation for a poſt-office, and lies in the moſt commodious courſe for the packet.—This is one of the moſt eligible ſtations which the Committee of Directors of the Britiſh Fiſhery went this year to ſurvey; its ſafe anchorage for ſhips of the greateſt burden, and its cloſe vicinty to the great cod bank, independent of the herring fiſhery, which, in their ſeaſon, is genewil on every part of the coaſts of this eſtate, point out the great advantages of this particular ſpot.

And LOT II.—Is to conſiſt of the Lands of Udrigill, Lohao, half of Sand, Mellan, Achnagarvie, Shunaybar, and Druminivir, together with the cuſtoms and ſervices of the ſame, as per particulars in the rental, yielding of groſs rent,

—	—	L. 116	3 4
Proportion of public burdens,		5	14 6 7-12ths
Nett rent,	L.	110	8 9 5-12ths.

The manſion-houſe and offices of Udrigill are ſlated, and are every way complete, and fit for the accommodation of any private gentleman's family. The entry to the manſion-houſe and Mains of Udrigill, and the whole other grounds in the proprietor's natural poſſeſſion, may be at Whitſunday next, 1788, and to the Mains of Teanaſilin at the ſame term, if both lots are ſeparately ſold.

The title deeds, rental, and articles of roup, will be ſhown by George Andrew, writer in Edinburgh; to whom, or to the proprietor John Mackenzie, Eſq; at Udrigill, by Dingwall, or George Gun Monro, Eſq; at Poyntzfield, by Fortroſe, any of whom hath power to conclude a private bargain; thoſe intending to become purchaſers, and their agents, who may be deſirous of being informed of further particulars, are requeſted to apply.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, Jun.

Front of the EXCHANGE,

HAS received a Fresh Supply of Teas of approved qualities, at reduced prices.

Black Teas from 3s. 7d. and upwards. } AND { Hysons, from 7s. and upwards.

Thoſe who take a quantity will have a proper diſcount. Double and ſingle refined Lump, Powder, and Liſbon SUGARS, at the ſugar-houſe prices.

The Drawing of

ROBERT JOHNSTON's LOTTERY

Is fixed for Monday the 24th December 1787, in Magdalen Chapel, at ten o'clock, when it will poſitively take place, and where all having intereſt may attend.

Thoſe who chuſe to be adventurers on this beneficial ſcheme, where All are Prizes, and No Blanks, will apply without delay. Tickets, at 10s. and 5s. each, to be had at the above ſhop. Prizes delivered immediately after drawing.

And as there are ſtill a great quantity of more goods than will ſatisfy the prizes in the Lottery, they continue to be ſold at the ſhop greatly below prime coſt.

Ruthven Bleachfield and Oil Miln,

Near Perth, to be SOLD.

THERE is to be SOLD by public roup, in the houſe of Thomas Marſhall vintner in Perth, on Thurſday the 10th day of January 1788, at four o'clock afternoon, The TACK of the ſaid BLEACHFIELD, OIL MILN, and POLICY, with the Farm and whole Buildings, poſſeſſed by Meſſrs Mellis, Barland, and Company, of which tack there are twenty-three years to run after Martinmas 1787, with the property of all the Machinery and Utenſils for the Bleachfield and Oil Miln belonging to the Company, to be entered to immediately.

This Field is hard by the Houſe of Huntingtower, two miles from Perth, on a branch of the river Almond, affording an inexhauſtible ſupply of water for the uſe of the Field, and for driving machinery of any weight, and has the command of a large ſpring, which always affords a plentiful ſupply of excellent water, which is conducted to the field in pipes. The Grounds of the Bleachfield and Farm conſiſt of about fifty acres, all of which may be laid out and uſed for bleaching or printing grounds; and the greateſt part thereof is already well laid out as a bleachfield, with proper canals for bleaching linens and thread, and has been ſucceſsfully uſed for theſe purpoſes for ſeveral years. There are two Waſh-Mills, ſix ſet of Beetles, two pair of Rubbing Boards, a Watering Machine, a large Drying Houſe, and other proper buildings, machinery, and uteníils for the bleaching buſineſs. The Oil Miln is in good repair, and in conſtant employment, and there are proper utenſils for that buſineſs. There is a good new dwelling houſe fit to accommodate a genteel family, with proper offices for the farm, a good garden, &c. Robert Hepburn merchant in Perth, clerk to the Company, will give information as to all other particulars, and will ſhow the premiſſes.

Lands and Mills in Eaſt Lothian,

TO BE LET.

THE Eaſt of TOWNHEAD, and QUARRIEFORD-Mill, lying in the pariſhes of Yeſter and Garvald, conſiſting of about 160 acres Scots meaſure, moſtly of a dry good ſoil. The greateſt part of the grounds are incloſed with ſtone dykes, and the whole incloſing may be completed at a ſmall expence. There is both a corn and a barley mill upon the lands, having a good command of water, and a conſiderable thirlage aſtricted to them.

Propoſals for a leaſe of the above ſubjects to be given in to John Hay, Eſq; of Hopes, by Haddington, or Allan Macdougall writer to the ſignet, Tweeddale Houſe, Edinburgh.

Sale of Superiorities in Dumfries-ſhire.

TO be SOLD within the Old Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 23d January 1788, between the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon,

The following parts of the eſtate of HOLMAINS, (yet unſold) viz. The Superiority of the ſeven merk-land or Perſbyhall called Craighouſe-ſtead and Midgebrae, belonging in property to Joſeph and —— Richardſon. The three-merk land of Lairdholm and Plewland-aſh, which belonged to —— Johnſton, and which have been lately ſold by judicial ſale before the Court of Seſſion; and are at preſent in non-entry, and a year's rent due from the vaſſal — The forty-ſhilling land of Ramerſcails, and forty-ſhilling land of Cocket-hill, belonging to Mr Mouney of Ramerſcails.—And the 5½ merk-land of Raſſels, Robbiewhat, Greenfields, and Howthat, which belonged to the late Mr Carruthers of Hardrigs, which laſt mentioned lands are alſo at preſent in non-entry.—To be expoſed at 350 l.

All theſe lands are held by Mr Carruthers late of Holmains, of the Crown; they are rated in the Ceſs-books at 717 merks, and pay 1 l. 18 s. 7 d. 4-12ths Sterling yearly of feu-duty. Lairdholm and Plewland-aſh, have as above mentioned, been ſold by judicial ſale, and an year's rent for the entry is due from the purchaſer.—And the lands of Raſſels, Robbiewhat, Greenfield, and Howthat, are alſo at preſent in non-entry, and a year's rent due from a part of the ſame.

William Campbell writer to the ſignet, will ſhow the title-deeds and conditions of ſale; and thoſe who with for further informations, may apply to Alexander Farquharſon, accomptant in Edinburgh.

By authority of the Right Honourable the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty of Scotland.

THAT upon Friday the 11th day of January 1788,

The BRIGANTINE called

The Bazil of Leith,

As ſhe preſently lies in the harbour of Port Seaton, formerly adverti ſed to be ſet up in two lots, *viz.* The Hull at 49 l. 2 s. Sterling and the whole ſails and other materials at 84 l. 7 s. 6 d. Sterling, is to be expoſed to public roup and ſale before the ſaid Judge, at Edinburgh, within the ordinary Court place, at twelve o'clock noon, and then to be ſet up at the reſtricted prices following, *viz.* The Hull of ſaid Brigantine at 30 l. Sterling; and the hail other materials belonging thereto at 60 l. Ster.

The articles and conditions of ſale, and inventory of ſaid Brigantine, are to be ſeen at the Admiralty Office; or in the hands of William Sprott, one of the Procurators before the ſaid High Court, at any time betwixt and the day of ſale.

Roup of the Ship Mathiſon

OF MONTROSE.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the houſe of Mrs Driver, vintner in Montroſe, upon Friday the 4th of January 1788, betwixt the hours of three and four afternoon,

The Brigantine MATHISON,
Alexander Tolly Maſter,
With her whole Furniture and Apparelling, as ſhe preſently lies in the harbour of Montroſe.—The veſſel's burden is about 160 tons dead weight.—She was built at Montroſe, and is of excellent materials, and well found, and laſt year got a thorough repair of her upperworks.

The inventary of the ſhip, and the articles and conditions of roup, are to be ſeen in the hands of William Baillie, writer in Montroſe, who has power to treat with any perſon inclining to make a private bargain.

Creditors of Charles Beaumont.

THE Creditors of Charles Beaumont, late aſſignee of Plaſtirran Colliery, reſiding at Lauriſton, are requeſted to meet in the Old Exchange Coffeehouſe, upon Monday next 24th current, at twelve o'clock noon, in order to conſider of matters of importance to their intereſt.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of WILLIAM OSBURN, Merchant in Kilmarnock.

Edinburgh, 19th December 1787.

THE Lords of Seſſion this day, upon the application of the ſaid William Oſburn, with concurrence of a creditor to the extent required by act of Parliament, ſequeſtrated the whole real and perſonal eſtate of the ſaid William Oſburn, ſituated within Scotland; and appointed the creditors to meet in the houſe of Mrs Thomſon, vintner in Glaſgow, upon Friday the 28th December current, at eleven o'clock forenoon, to chuſe an interim factor; whereof all concerned are hereby required to take notice.

NOTICE.

THE Truſtee for the Creditors of ADAM WATT, Merchant in Kelſo, hereby gives notice, That the fourth annual meeting of the ſaid creditors, is to be held within the houſe of George Horſington, innkeeper in Kelſo, on Tueſday the 12th day of February next, at twelve o'clock noon, when a full ſtate of the bankrupt's affairs will be laid before the meeting, together with a ſcheme of diviſion of the recovered fund; and ſuch creditors as are deſirous to ſee the ſtates previous to the meeting, may apply to the truſtee, at his houſe in Kelſo, or to Thomas Pots, writer there, the agent.

THO. FAIR.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of WILLIAM WYLLIE, Merchant in Paiſley.

AT the laſt meeting of the Creditors held the 14th inſtant, a reſignation was given in by Alexander and James Gibſons writers in Paiſley, the former truſtee, which was accepted of by the Creditors, who unanimouſly approved of their conduct, and they made choice of Alexander Wier merchant in Paiſley, James Semple ſilk-dreſſer there, and William Walker merchant in Glaſgow, as truſtees in their place. And the ſaid new truſtees do hereby give notice, That againſt the 7th January next, a ſtate will be made up of the bankrupt's effects, which have been converted into money, and a ſtate of the debts, which have been proved, and lodged in terms of the act of Parliament, with a ſcheme or caſt, dividing the free produce of the money ſo recovered among the Creditors, according to their due order of ranking, which ſtates and ſcheme, together with a general ſtate of the bankrupt's affairs brought down to that period ſhall lie open for the inſpection of the Creditors, or their agents, in the truſtees hands, from the ſaid 7th of January to the 7th of March thereafter, being that day twelve months after the date of the ſequeſtration, when a General Meeting of the Creditors will be held in the houſe of Mrs Graham vintner in Paiſley, at twelve o'clock mid-day, to give ſuch orders as may appear neceſſary for the future management and to receive their firſt diſtricts.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS,

AND ROUP OF EFFECTS.

MURDO MACKENZIE, merchant in Dingwall, truſtee on the ſequeſtrated eſtate of JOHN DINGWALL, merchant in Dingwall, requires the whole Creditors of the bankrupt to lodge with him, their claims and vouchers or grounds of debt, with their oaths of verity thereon, in terms of the ſtatute, and that on or before the 9th day of May 1788, being nine kalendar months ſince the date of the interlocutor awarding ſequeſtration; certifying thoſe Creditors who ſhall neglect to comply with this requiſition, that they ſhall not be entitled to any ſhare in the firſt diſtribution of the bankrupt's eſtate.—The Truſtee alſo intimates, that there is to be a roup of the bankrupt's EFFECTS, to be held upon Tueſday the 8th January next, within his ſhop in Dingwall.

First Notice—First Term.

IN the Proceſs of Ranking and Sale, at the inſtance of James Fraſer, Eſq; of Ballindown, late acting paymaſter of the Royal Artillery at New York, and Iſaac Grant, writer to the ſignet, his attorney, with concourſe of his Majeſty's advocate, againſt the heirs and creditors of the deceaſed JOHN FRASER of Culmiln, late merchant in New York, the Lord Dunſinnan, Ordinary, by his interlocutor, dated the 12th of December current, appointed Lord Stonefield, Ordinary to ranking of the creditors, and aſſigned the 17th day of January next to the whole creditors, to produce their rights, claims, and diligences competent to them reſpectively againſt the bankrupt or his eſtate, and that for the FIRST TERM; with certification, as in a reduction and improbation, and appointed this notice thereof, ſo as the ſame may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

O. M. BRUCE.

Second Notice—Second Term.

IN the Proceſs of Ranking and Sale at the inſtance of Meſſ. Thomſon and Jack, Inſurance-brokers in Glaſgow, with [illegible] againſt John M'Cole, late of Glaſgow, afterwards at New-York, now in the Weſt Indies or America, and his Creditors, the Lord Stonefield, Ordinary, by interlocutor of the 11th of July 1787, aſſigned the 17th day of January next for the whole creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences competent to them reſpectively againſt the bankrupt or his eſtate, and whole vouchers thereof, and that for the ſecond term; with certification that what writs ſhall not be produced, ſhall be held as falſe and forged, ſo far as they may affect the bankrupt's eſtate, and the intereſt of the creditors therein, who have, or ſhall produce their rights and diligences affecting the ſame; and appointed this notice thereof, ſo as the ſame may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

H. S. STEVENSON.

Third Notice—First Term.

IN the proceſs of Sale and Ranking, at the inſtance of William Steel of Waygaleſhaw, with concourſe of his Majeſty's Advocate, againſt the repreſentative of the deceaſed WILLIAM SELKIRK, merchant in Lanark, and his creditors, the Lord Henderland, by his interlocutor, dated the 28th day of November 1787, appointed himſelf Ordinary to ranking of the creditors, and aſſigned the 24th day of February next to the whole creditors, to produce their rights, claims, and diligences, competent to them reſpectively, againſt the bankrupt or his eſtate, and that for the FIRST TERM, with certification, as in a reduction and improbation; and appointed this notice thereof, ſo as the ſame may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

O. M. KIRKPATRICK.

FOR KINGSTON—JAMAICA,
The New Sloop LEITH,
PETER ANGUS Maſter,
To ſail the 1ſt of January.—Will take a few tons of goods on freight.
And for SAVANNAH-LA-MAR,
And MONTEGO BAY,
JAMAICA,
THE BRIG KATHARINE,
ANDREW MASON Maſter,

200 Tons burthen, is ready to take in goods, and will ſail the 1ſt of February next.

For freight and paſſage, apply to William Sibbald and Company, merchants, Leith.

☞ Genuine Old Jamaica Rum, or any quantity above two gallons;—and a large aſſortment of Jamaica Mahogany, to be ſold as above.

Flour-Mill Stones and Dutch Terras.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at the Marble-Work, Leith, on Monday the 24th December inſtant, at twelve o'clock noon, a Parcel of GERMAN BLUE and BURR MILL-STONES, firſt quality and freſh imported.

One pair beſt German Blues, 5 feet over, 15 inches thick.
Two pair ditto, 4 feet 8 inches, and 14 inches thick.
One pair ditto, 4 feet 8 inches, and 13 inches thick.
One pair ditto, 4 feet 8 inches, and 16 inches thick.
One pair ditto, 4 feet 4 inches, and 16 inches thick.
One pair ditto, 4 feet 4 inches, and 14 inches thick.
Two pair burrſtones, 4 feet 8 inches, and 12 inches thick.
Twenty Hogſheads DUTCH TERRAS, to be ſold in hogſheads.

For particulars apply to James Whyte, where orders for the Marble Work are executed on the ſhorteſt notice.

NOTICE

TO ABLE AND SKILFUL ENGINEERS.

IRELAND.

WHEREAS, by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the laſt Seſſion in Ireland, it is enacted, "That it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch perſons as the Lord Lieutenant or other chief Governor or Governors of the ſaid kingdom ſhall appoint, to employ SKILFUL ENGINEERS to ſurvey and make eſtimates of one or more proper lines of communication by water, between the Grand Canal and the Shannon, and of the Navigation of the Shannon up to the Colleries on Lough Allen, from the Deep Water below Limerick, and for making a navigation from Monaſtereven to the Tide Water, and for making the River Suir navigable from Carrick up to Clonmel, and for making a communication by water from the town of Slane to Navern, and thence to the Virginia Water, and alſo to the town of Trim, and from Trim to Dublin, and alſo a navigation from Belturbet through the Lough and River Erne, by Belleek and Ballyſhannon to the ſea"——

And Whereas, His Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable John Foſter, Speaker of the Houſe of Commons in Ireland, the Right Honourable Sir John Parnel, Baronet, Chancellor of his Majeſty's Exchequer in Ireland, the Right Honourable John Hely Hutchinſon, his Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State in Ireland, the Right Honourable John Fitzgibbon, his Majeſty's Attorney General in Ireland, and the Right Honourable John Beresford, to be Commiſſioners for employing Engineers for the aforeſaid purpoſes:——

Any perſon or perſons, who chuſe to undertake the making all or any of the ſaid Surveys and Eſtimates, are deſired to ſend their propoſals to any of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to James Corry, Eſq; at the Journal Office of the Houſe of Commons, Dublin.

Proper Certificates of the abilities and experience of each Engineer muſt be delivered with the propoſals.

Exchequer Chambers, Edinburgh,

12th December 1787.

PETITIONS having been preſented to the Barons of Exchequer here from Captain William Dickſon, of the Royal Navy, from Mrs Mary Dickſon, *alias* Smith, wife of Mr Archibald Smith, reſiding near the King's Mills, Rotherhithe, in the county of Middleſex, and him for his intereſt; and from Mrs Betty Dickſon, *alias* Ball, wife of Mr Samuel Ball, reſiding in Prince's Street, Rotherhithe aforeſaid, and him for his intereſt; craving a gift of the eſtate of Mrs BETTY DICKSON, ſuppoſed to have fallen to his Majeſty through her deceaſe, inteſtate, and without lawful heirs—The BARONS have ordered this publication, that thoſe intereſted in Mrs Dickſon's ſucceſſion, if any ſuch there are, may be appriſed of the neceſſity of making their rights known in this Court without delay.

Mrs DICKSON was a native of England, ſuppoſed of the county of Middleſex, and pariſh of St James's, Weſtminſter; her maiden name was HOOG; her huſband was James Dickſon, Eſq; many years a Navy Agent in London, who afterwards purchaſed the eſtates of Broughton, in the county of Peebles and of Ednam, in the county of Roxburgh, North Britain, was ſometime Member of Parliament for the Peebles-ſhire [illegible] to his death, which happened on the 14th of November 1771, reſided at the town of Kelſo, in the laſt mentioned county, where Mrs Dickſon continued to reſide till her death on the 10th of Auguſt 1787.

The petitioners above mentioned, are the nephew and nieces of James Dickſon, the Lady's huſband.

Lands near Berwick-upon-Tweed.

To be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, at the Red Lion in Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Monday the 4th day of February next, between the hours of four and five in the afternoon, in One Lot,

THE LANDS called NEW-WATERHAUGH, ſituated within the liberties of Berwick aforeſaid, and let at the yearly rent of 150 l.

And the Lands called FAIRNEY-FLAT, ſituated alſo within the liberties of Berwick, and let at the yearly rent of 65 l.

Upon the lands of New-waterhaugh there is a manſion-houſe, fit for the accommodation of a gentleman's family, with a large garden, a chaiſe-houſe, a farm-houſe, and other ſuitable offices. This eſtate is beautifully ſituated on the banks of the rivers Tweed and Whittater, and of a rich ſoil.

The eſtates are well incloſed, and every way in good order.

For further particulars, enquire of Mr Willoby, Town-clerk of Berwick aforeſaid.

Lime Quarry to Let.

THE valuable LIME QUARRY of Laddeddie, in the pariſh of Ceres and county of Fife, to be LET for ſuch a number of years as ſhall be agreed on, and entered to immediately.

This Quarry lies in the heart of an improving country, where there is a great demand, within three miles of the town of Cupar, and one mile of Ceres. The Lime is of a ſuperior quality, and gives as high a price as any in the county of Fife.

The tackſman will be accommodated with ſeventy acres of good arable land.

Robert Anderſon upon the ground will ſhew the premiſes, and offers may be made to Colonel Thomſon at Newton by Colinſburgh, or to Mr George Anderſon at Bennochy by Kirkaldy, who will inform as to particulars.

LANDS,

In the Shires of Edinburgh and Selkirk.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 24th day of December 1787, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The Lands and Eſtate of BOWLAND, in the pariſh of Stow, and counties of Edinburgh and Selkirk.

This eſtate lies 27 miles ſouth from Edinburgh, upon the great road leading to Carliſle, &c. It is agreeably ſituated upon the water of Gala, and within a few miles of ſeveral good market towns.

There is a commodious manſion-houſe upon the eſtate, with an excellent garden and orchard, a complete ſet of offices, and a well-ſtocked pigeon-houſe. The parks around the houſe are extenſive and well laid out, containing upwards of 270 acres, incluſive of about 71 acres of thriving planting, with which they are ſubdivided in good taſte. A conſiderable part of the wood is full grown; the whole already fit for being thinned, and old enough for moſt country uſes.

The eſtate holds of the Crown, and affords two freehold qualifications, one in the ſhire of Edinburgh, and another in that of Selkirk.

For particulars, apply to Archibald Gibſon, writer to the ſignet, who will ſhow the rental, title-deeds, articles of roup, and a plan of the lands.

Thomas Watſon at Corſlie will ſhow the grounds.

BY ORDER OF THE

Hon. the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms,

THERE is to be expoſed to public roup and ſale, in the Cuſtomhouſe, Leith, upon Saturday the 22d inſtant, at twelve o'clock noon,

The following GOODS, the ſame having been condemned in his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, viz

4336 Gallons foreign Geneva, 105 gallons foreign Brandy, below the ſtrength of one in ſix under hydrometer proof.

35 Gallons foreign Brandy, 18 gallons foreign Rum, and 52 gallons foreign Cinnamon Waters, not below the ſtrength of one in ſix under hydrometer proof.

The HULL of the NIMBLE CUTTER (to be broke down), with her Float Boat, Tackle, and Apparelling, to be ſold entire.

N. B. Purchaſers will take notice, that, by the act of the 26th George III. cap. 73. ſect. 15. it is, amongſt other things, enacted, that no diſtiller, maker or makers, rectifier or rectifiers, compounder or compounders of ſpirits, or any dealer or dealers in ſpirits, ſhall ſell or ſend out any foreign ſpirits of a lower degree of ſtrength than that of one in ſix under hydrometer proof, upon pain of all ſuch ſpirits being forfeited, together with the packages containing the ſame.

Purchaſers will alſo take notice, that 25 per cent. of the purchaſe money is to be depoſited, and the ſame to be forfeited, unleſs the goods are taken away within the time to be limited by the conditions of ſale.

PERTHSHIRE GAME-DUTY.

ADditional Liſt of Certificates iſſued in the County of Perth, with reſpect to the duty aforeſaid, ſince the 29th of September laſt, purſuant to act of parliament.

Fergufon, James, Eſq. reſiding at Edradour
Kinnear, Charles, of Kinloch, reſiding at Auchmichael

DEPUTATIONS.

Berry, John, reſiding at Fairntown, gamekeeper to Mrs Ann Menzies of Fairntown
Crearer, John, reſiding at Braes of Taymount, gamekeeper to the Earl of Breadalbane
Myles, James, at Orchill, gamekeeper to Wm Graham, Eſq; of Orchill
Ritchy, John, reſiding at Balgowan, gamekeeper to Thomas Graham, Eſq; of Balgowan
Sommerveil, William, reſiding at Eaſter Rhind, gamekeeper to the Earl of Wemyſs.

JAMES PATON, Depute.

PERTH, Dec. 15. 1787.

By order of his Majeſty's Commiſſioners for managing the Stamp-duties.

(Signed) JOHN BRETTELL, Sec.

Farm in Mid-Lothian to Let.

To be LET for 19 years, and entered to at Martinmas next,

THE FARM of CLIFTON, poſſeſſed by William Hutſon, lying in the ſouth part of the pariſh of Kirkliſton, and ſhire of Edinburgh, nine miles weſt from the city, and within half a mile of lime. The farm conſiſts of above 150 acres fine lying arable land, and capable of great improvement. The gardener at Cliftonhall will ſhow the farm, and thoſe who incline to offer for it, may apply to John Robertſon, writer, Meal-market Stairs, Edinburgh.

Lands in Argyleſhire.

TO be SOLD by public auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on the laſt Wedneſday of February next, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The Lands of GARVACHY and ACHACHORK, either together or in two lots, as purchaſers ſhall incline.

Lot I. The Lands of Achachork, comprehending the penſicles of Tolyclach and Longiſland; free rent, 36 l. 16 s. Sterling.

Lot II. The Lands of Garvachy and Roadſide Houſe, &c.; free rent 53 l. 4 s. 3 d. 8-12ths Sterling.

Theſe lands conſiſt of 293 acres, moſtly arable, and ſo conveniently ſituated for improvement, being within a mile of a lime quarry, at the ſame diſtance from the colliery of [illegible] and within [illegible] of the burgh of Campbeltown.

The title-deeds, with a plan, and the leaſes, will be ſhown by James Ferrier writer to the ſignet, who has power to ſell by private bargain before the day of ſale.

Sale of Lands in Perthſhire

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 13th February 1788, between the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The Lands of EASTERTYRE, in the pariſh of Logierait, eight miles above Dunkeld, lying upon an eaſy ſlop facing the ſouth, on the north bank of the river Tay, having a beautiful proſpect thereof, and of the Strath a great way up, and down as far as Dunkeld.

There is a houſe conſiſting of five fire rooms and a kitchen, with good offices and farm-ſtead, and an excellent garden well ſtocked with fruit trees.

The arable lands are ſubſtantially incloſed with ſtone and hedge, and the ſoil allowed to be equal to the beſt in that country. Beſides a bank of oak and a plantation of thriving fir, there is a good deal of other wood on the lands, ſome of it old, and fit for country uſes.

The ſubjects hold of his Grace the Duke of Athol, for payment of 3 l. 19 s. 6 d. Sterling of feu-duty.

The preſent rent is 110 l. Sterling, and the tenants pay all public burdens, without any diſcount, except the feu-duty. The leaſe expires at Whitſunday next, and a conſiderable riſe of rent has been already offered.

The title-deeds and articles of roup are to be ſeen in the hands of James Hay, at Mr Tod's, writer to the ſignet, George's Square, who will inform as to other particulars.

The tenants will ſhow the grounds.

Lands in Argyleſhire to Let.

To be LET for ſuch a number of years as ſhall be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitſunday next 1788,

THE Lands of Nether Finnicharn, Upper Finnicharn, Garvalt, Craignure, Upper and Nether Brenitchelys, Gallanich, Feorline, Inverae, and Crarae, all lying contiguous in the pariſh of Glaſrie, and diviſion of Argyle.

The farms of Upper and Nether Finnicharns and Garvalt, are ſituated upon the great freſh water lake of Lochow, at the diſtance of fifteen miles from Inverary, the head burgh of the county, to which there is a good road paſſing through the farms. They are equally well adapted for ſheep as black cattle. There is abundance of limeſtone in the low grounds; and as plenty of peats are to be had on the lands, they may be eaſily improved at little expence.

The lands of Upper and Nether Brenichelys and Craignure lie within ſix meaſured miles of Inverary, upon the great line of road leading from thence to Campbeltown, and for ſome time paſt have been under a ſheep ſtock, for which they are well adapted, being reckoned by good judges, capable of grazing 3000 ſheep; and there is upon theſe farms an exceeding good ſteading of houſes.

The lands of Feorline, Gallanich, Crarae, and Inverae are ſituated upon the ſide of Loch Fine, are of great extent, and abound with peats and limeſtone.—The road from Inverary to Campbeltown runs through moſt of theſe lands.

Thoſe deſirous of becoming tackſmen may give in propoſals betwixt and Candlemas next, to Dugald Campbell, Eſq; of Ederline, the proprietor, at St Andrew's; Alſan M'Dougall writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh; or to the Rev. Mr Dugald Campbell, miniſter of Kilmichael of Glaſrie, by Inverary; and ſuch as are not accepted, will be concealed, if deſired.

Dugald M'Kellar in Brevallich, ground officer upon the eſtate, will ſhow the different farms.

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